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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Add the following new claims:

6. An apparatus for continuously purifying lithium carbonate comprising:

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a dissolver which is a baffled reactor to dissolve lithium carbonate that includes a mixer/disperser,

a carbon dioxide gas dispersion tube,

a wash water filtrate/mother liquor filtrate recycle line,

a cooler,

a stilling well to separate gas and undissolved lithium carbonate solids from the resultant lithium bicarbonate solution, and